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SUBJECT:GAO REPORT "RESTRICTIONS ON US PROCUREMENT
ACTIVITIES IN THAILAND"

1. YOU SHOULD RECEIVE SHORTLY, IF YOU HAVE NOT ALREADY DONE
SO, A COPY OF A DRAFT GAO REPORT ON US GOVERNMENT PROCURE-
MENT ACTIVITIES IN THAILAND. WE HAVE BEEN ASKED TO REVIEW
THE DRAFT FOR DECLASSIFICATION. WE MAY ALSO MAKE SUB-
STANTIVE COMMENTS IF WE WISH TO DO SO. WE HAVE UNTIL DEC-
EMBER 7 TO RESPOND.

2. THE FINAL REPORT WILL BE ADDRESSED TO THE SECRETARIES
OF STATE AND DEFENSE RATHER THAN THE CONGRESS BUT CERTAIN
CONGRESSIONAL COMMITTEES WILL RECEIVE COPIES. THE DEPART-
MENT'S FORMAL COMMENTS ON THE FINAL REPORT WILL BE REQUIRED
WITHIN SIXTY DAYS OF ITS PUBLICATION.

3. ACTION REQUESTED: THOSE PORTIONS OF THE REPORT WHICH ARE
CLASSIFIED APPEAR TO HAVE BEEN CLASSIFIED ON THE BASIS OF
THE SOURCE RATHER THAN SUBSTANCE OF THE INFORMATION CONTAINED
THEREIN. IN MOST INSTANCES THE EMBASSY IS THE SOURCE CITED.
THEREFORE REQUEST THAT YOU REVIEW THESE PORTIONS FOR POS-
SIBLE DECLASSIFICATION AND GIVE US YOUR COMMENTS AS SOON AS
POSSIBLE. ALSO REQUEST YOUR VIEWS ON THE SUBSTANCE OF THE
REPORT FOR USE IN FORMULATING BOTH OUR PRELIMINARY COMMENTS
ON THE DRAFT REPORT AND OUR FORMAL COMMENTS ON THE FINAL
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